

January, 2017

The Commission Secretary
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St. SW
Washington, DC 20554

Aloha FCC Commissioners,

Subject: Response to FCC orders on Sandwich Isles Communications, WC Docket no. 10-90

Congress authorized the Universal Service Fund in order to help rural residents in sparsely populated areas to be able to enjoy modern telecommunications services at prices comparable to others. Your proposal to dissolve Sandwich Isles Communication's (SIC) study area waiver will eliminate federal high-cost service support for the very situation that the program was designed for. The low subscriber numbers would otherwise make the service too expensive for rural residents. If the FCC takes away the study area waiver, not only would SIC lose its high-cost support, so would any other company that might happen to take its place. This situation would mean that future homesteaders will have higher monthly bills and the quality of service probably will decline. Please maintain the study area waiver for SIC so that homesteaders can continue to receive a high level of service at reasonable prices.

Mahalo,

Signature

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